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RE: USSN 132558 filed 21 March 1980/Your 79-9/PM 883A  
"Process for the Preparation of Optically Active  
Nicotine Analogues" of Chavdarian and Sanders

Dear George:

Enclosed is a copy of the Office Action (final) for the above-noted application. Although the examiner has allowed the process claims, it appears that he will stand firm on the rejection of the compounds themselves absent some clear and convincing data to show unobviousness.

I shall consult with the inventors to determine whether any new comparative data has been generated since filing the application. Your guidance in determining the type of data required to overcome the rejection would be appreciated.

After you have had an opportunity to assess the Action, please call so we can discuss the best course of action.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Hutcheson

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